

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

RODNEY LEE VAUGHN	)	CASE NO. 1:05 CV 2966
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Plaintiff,	)	JUDGE ANN ALDRICH
	)	
v.	)	
	)	<u>MEMORANDUM OF OPINION</u>
HERITAGE SUITES,	)	<u>AND ORDER</u>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On December 27, 2005, plaintiff pro se Rodney Lee Vaughn filed this in forma pauperis action against Heritage Suites. The complaint appears to allege, in very general terms, that defendant discriminated against plaintiff based on his race, age and disability. For the reasons stated below, this action is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e).

Although pro se pleadings are liberally construed, Boag v. MacDougall, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982) (per curiam); Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972), the district court is required to dismiss an action under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) if it fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, or if it lacks an arguable

basis in law or fact.<sup>1</sup> Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319 (1989); Lawler v. Marshall, 898 F.2d 1196 (6th Cir. 1990); Sistrunk v. City of Strongsville, 99 F.3d 194, 197 (6th Cir. 1996).

Principles requiring generous construction of pro se pleadings are not without limits. Beaudett v. City of Hampton, 775 F.2d 1274, 1277 (4th Cir. 1985). A complaint must contain either direct or inferential allegations respecting all the material elements of some viable legal theory to satisfy federal notice pleading requirements. See Schied v. Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc., 859 F.2d 434, 437 (6th Cir. 1988). District courts are not required to conjure up questions never squarely presented to them or to construct full blown claims from sentence fragments. Id. at 1278. To do so would "require ...[the courts] to explore exhaustively all potential claims of a pro se plaintiff, ... [and] would...transform the district court from its legitimate advisory role to the improper role of an advocate seeking out the strongest arguments and most successful strategies for a party." Id. at 1278.

Even liberally construed, the complaint does not contain specific allegations reasonably suggesting Vaughn might have a

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<sup>1</sup> A claim may be dismissed sua sponte, without prior notice to the plaintiff and without service of process on the defendant, if the court explicitly states that it is invoking section 1915(e) [formerly 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d)] and is dismissing the claim for one of the reasons set forth in the statute. McGore v. Wigglesworth, 114 F.3d 601, 608-09 (6th Cir. 1997); Spruytte v. Walters, 753 F.2d 498, 500 (6th Cir. 1985), cert. denied, 474 U.S. 1054 (1986); Harris v. Johnson, 784 F.2d 222, 224 (6th Cir. 1986); Brooks v. Seiter, 779 F.2d 1177, 1179 (6th Cir. 1985).

valid federal claim. See, Lillard v. Shelby County Bd. of Educ.,  
76 F.3d 716 (6th Cir. 1996) (court not required to accept summary  
allegations or unwarranted legal conclusions in determining whether  
complaint states a claim for relief). Accordingly, the request to  
proceed in forma pauperis is granted and this action is dismissed  
under section 1915(e). Further, the court certifies, pursuant to  
28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not  
be taken in good faith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/Ann Aldrich

ANN ALDRICH

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: January 19, 2006